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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the final rejections of all claims made in the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007.

In that Action, the Examiner makes final the rejections of claims 1, 3-7, 9-17, 20-21, 24-25, 37-43, and 47-48 as anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,889,764 to Chenoweth et al. Claim 1 reads on a conformable surfacing veil comprising and a plurality of structural fibers and a plurality of bicomponent fibers coupled to the plurality of structural fibers. Each of the plurality of bicomponent fibers has a core substantially surrounded by an outer polymer annulus. According to this claim, the plurality of structural fibers comprise one or more irregularly shaped fibers, said one or more irregularly shaped fibers having a melting point significantly higher than said outer